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Births.

BEALER.—January 18, at her residence, 181, Argent-street, the wife of C. W. Bealer, of a daughter (stillborn).

BOOTH.—January 17, at her residence, Fernside, Balmain, the wife of W. J. Booth, of a daughter, Bessie.

BRAY.—January 8, at her residence, Irwin's Cottage, William Henry-street, Ultimo, the wife of James Bray, of a son, stillborn.

CHESTER.—January 15, at Paddington, the wife of H. Clement, of a son.

COOK.—January 17, at her residence, No. 7, Albert-street, North King-street, the wife of S. King Cook, of a daughter.

COWLEY.—January 15, at Paddington, the wife of A. Cowley, of a son, premature.

DAVISON.—January 8, at Stirling, Johnston-street, Annandale, the wife of G. Davison, of a son.

FRANKE.—January 15, at her residence, No. 1, William-street, St. Kilda, the wife of G. Franke, both doing well.

HAGUE.—January 10, at her residence, Rosebank, Liverpool, the wife of Louis Hague, of a daughter.

JAMES.—January 14, at the residence of her father, Mr. Thomas James, 9, Argent-street, the manager of Penney's Hotel, of a daughter, premature.

KIRKSTREY.—January 17, at her residence, 169, Queen-street, Wollongong, the wife of W. Kirkstrey, a son.

KIRKSTREY.—January 17, at her residence, Nelson-street, Balmain, the wife of John Kirkstrey, both doing well.

MACDONALD.—January 15, at her residence, Roseway-street, More Park, the wife of C. J. Macdonald, of a son, both doing well.

PAUL.—January 14, at her residence, Summer Hill, the wife of A. F. Paul, of a daughter.

PERRY.—January 1, at her residence, O'Connell-street, North Parramatta, the wife of W. Perry, of a daughter.

TRAVELL.—January 18, at her residence, Liverpool House, Elizabeth-street, Wollongong, the wife of D. H. Travell, a daughter.

Marriages.

GAINFORD.—BARRING.—January 14, at the Rev. J. P. Barrings, 1, Argent-street, the Rev. Thomas Gainsford, of Alcester, only daughter of J. O. Barrings, Sydney.

MATTHEWS.—WELLS.—January 14, at Christ Church, Sydney, by Rev. W. A. Charlton, Rev. C. C. Wells, son of Rev. W. A. Wells, of St. John's, Gloucester, and daughter of George Wells, of Farnham, Gloucester.

BARTLETT.—BEAVAN.—January 14, at Surry Hills, by the Rev. Arthur Bartlett, of Cork, Ireland, and Anna, daughter of the late F. C. Beavan, M.L.A., of Mayo, daughter of Ernest, Victoria. Address and home papers please copy.

Deaths.

COONEY.—January 14, at her residence, 4, Grey-street, West Melbourne, Catherine Cooney, late of Carbuncle, Darlinghurst, the wife of W. J. and Emily Cooney, Hartwicks, Parramatta, aged 8 months.

SCARF.—January 14, at her residence, No. 1, Glenmore-street, Ultimo, the wife of W. Scarf, a son, both being 18 months.

SCARF.—January 14, at her residence, Summer Hill, the wife of Philip and Margaret McCarthy, aged 18 months.

SCARF.—January 14, at her residence, Parramatta, Alfred Webster, aged 22, Lancashire and Yorkshire papers please copy.

In Memoriam.

ELLIOTT.—In loving memory of Robert Elliott, third son of John Elliott, who died through injuries received in a fall from a horse, aged 26, 1866, aged 18 years. Insetted by his wife, Mrs. J. and Emily Cooney, Hartwicks, Parramatta, aged 8 months.

MYERS.—In loving memory of Ethel R. Myers, wife of W. Willis, in loving remembrance of my dear sister, Mrs. K. B. Willis, of Ultimo. Insetted by her son, Peter, Mrs. J. J. Willis, of No. 10, Victoria-street.

Shipping.

DIRECT SERVICE TO ENGLAND

PEKING AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

The Company's steamship service contract with the Victorian Government for the carriage of 11,000 M. tons will be despatched as under, from the Company's Wharf, at the Circular Quay, DIRECT TO ENGLAND, via Suez Canal, calling at Marseilles, Algiers, and King George's Sound.

Passenger service will be maintained.

DALESTON & COMPANY, Agents, 4, Bent-street.

THE AUSTRALIAN STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY intend despatching their steamers to the following ports, viz.—

MELBOURNE.—January 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 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contingencies, may be considered somewhat more fully. Mr. SHERIFF SMITH's contention, that the banking policy of the Government should assimilate to that of the mother country, had, it must be admitted, some show of authority. He would have had the Bank of New South Wales placed in a position like that of the Bank of England—an institution which, on the one hand, received support from the Imperial Government, and, on the other, returned that by rendering it active and constant financial assistance. Mr. SMITH, indeed, claimed that the Bank of New South Wales had, at some risk and at a loss, given valuable assistance to our Government in times of financial embarrassment, it would seem with the hope rather than the realization, of some benefit. And he pleaded that service as a reason why the Government should continue to bank with his institution, generally maintaining that its identification with the general interests of the colony, together with its undoubted resources, placed it, in relation to the Government, in a position parallel to that occupied by the Bank of England to the Imperial authorities.

But the Government has chosen not to extend the privileges of the Bank of New South Wales, but to look to nine of the other banks for the accommodation of its monetary requirements. How far these are likely to meet the public wants time only will show. Although, taken as a whole, the new banking arrangements of the Government are more costly than the old, possibly the country may derive advantages fully equivalent to the extra charge. The floating and inscription of the loan by the Bank of England have not only involved greater cost, but the loss of the profit on these operations by the colonial institution has caused an increase of the cost of the other banking operations. That was inevitable, whether the Associated Banks or the Bank of New South Wales undertook the work, for this institution made demands which we may suppose were, at least, as costly as the arrangement made by the COLONIAL TREASURER with the Associated Banks: otherwise there might have been no change in the Government bankers.

The question of the stability of the financial institutions enters into the consideration. It is quite true that Australian banking has generally been free from failures. The notable exception of the Oriental Bank casts no reflection on Australian credit; but for all that, the Government of Victoria was inconveniently by that institution being one of its bankers. And any Government having many bankers may fairly be called upon to look to the security which they each and all give. Most of the Associated Banks do business outside of the colony, and some of them outside Australia. What knowledge of the extra-colonial operations of these banks do the Government possess? The publication of quarterly returns is required, but these only embrace the business in the colony, and not all of that, for they do not disclose the whole of the liabilities. Much capital borrowed in England is not shown in our returns, except among the assets. Then the Government might fairly call upon the banks to show the Government accounts separate from those of their other customers, so that the trading relations of the banks with the commercial community might be more clearly disclosed. In Victoria, where the Government does its business with associated banks, that has been done; and in New Zealand also the quarterly returns show the distinction. The banks doing business for the Government may fairly be called upon to disclose more fully their general operations.

As to how far Mr. SMITH's suggestion, that the Government bankers should receive Government assistance, shall be carried out is a matter open to much discussion. It may be that in case of a financial crisis the Government would for its own sake have to seek the aid of its bankers—by guaranteeing their notes or otherwise. The Government interest undoubtedly gives some standing and prestige to the bank. This certainly may be said, that any special assistance given by the Government to the banks, or any guarantee of assistance, should be coupled with conditions which would guard against abuse. In the public interest the Government will have to take precautions against the insolvency of their bank as would any other private customer. The Associated Banks, it may be presumed, take no responsibility in respect of the failure of any of their number. In Melbourne the other Government banks did not rush to supply the Government with the coin which was locked up in the Oriental Bank. There are nine chances to one under the new agreement that there will be some loss which the old would have been escaped; but if failure came to one institution which did all the Government banking business, of course the measure of loss and inconvenience would be aggravated.

The commercial aspect of the new banking arrangement is of considerable importance. The possession by one bank of so large an account, subject to such remarkable fluctuations as have characterised the Government account—at one time over a million in credit, at another in debt to a like amount—tends to unduly disturb the money market and inconvenience traders. That was a condition of things foreseen when in 1875 several banks submitted a statement to the Government why the public account should not remain with one institution. It was then said, amongst other things, "that it is not for the public good that such large sums, subject to various causes to speedy withdrawal, should be deposited in one bank, as a large demand upon the resources of any one bank must lead to sudden contraction, detrimental alike to the public and to the bank itself." This expression of opinion has been verified in the experience of the Bank of New South Wales, the manager himself having complained of the damage the bank had sustained in its private business to meet the demands of the Government. On the side of the commercial community the sudden calling up of money has been productive of inconvenience and loss. It may be that so large an account with a large number of banks will not be altogether free from the evil complained of; but the distribution among many institutions with much larger aggregate resources will tend to limit its measure.

The Government will probably be treated with a firmer hand by nine banks than by one. Perhaps that may not be altogether a disadvantage whilst good men remain on the directory—men identified with all the leading interests of the country. There will be capacity to give greater assistance, but there will be power to exercise a greater

check should the Government wish for more than the terms of the contract allow. It will be seen that there are advantages and disadvantages in connection with the new arrangement; and, perhaps, on the whole, the colony may lose nothing from the experiment of a change. It may pay something more for the transaction of its business, but if it gain as much in other respects nothing will be lost.

A statement made at Young by Mr. MACKINNON is to the effect that the Government would not pay any money through the Bank of New South Wales or subdivide any association keeping its account with that Bank has been very promptly met by a denial from the Under-Secretary for Finance, on whose authority it was given. It was hardly credible that, however angry the Treasury Department might be with the Bank, they would in this manner attempt to coerce private associations or individuals from banking with that institution. It would have been an undignified act, if not a tyrannical act, and one that would not be tolerated in this community. Whatever a spiteful private customer might do after a quarrel to injure his banker, no high-minded commercial man would be likely to do anything of the kind, and the Government should be on a level with the best, and not with the worst, spirit of the age.

The Government have not done this. Yet we do not gather from the denial that Mr. EAGAR may not have said something which Mr. MACKINNON has misunderstood; and it would have been more satisfactory if, instead of giving the statement a point-blank denial, he had explained exactly what passed between them. In the circumstances, failure to give this leaves the impression that there has been something said which does not admit of a good explanation. It is possible that all the Under-Secretary intended was that the Government would only pay demands on them at their own banks—that they would not go to the trouble, on any order given to them, to pay money into the Bank of New South Wales. To judge of the character of this action we should require to know whether when the Government did business with the Bank of New South Wales they refused to pay money into the other banks. If it was the practice of the Government to refuse to pay money to the authorised persons except on demand on the Bank of New South Wales, then we imagine there can be no complaint against them for refusing to pay out, except through their new bankers. The question is, Are they under the new agreement placing the Bank of New South Wales in a worse position than the other banks occupied under the old one? If so, it may be doubted whether they are not leaving themselves open to adverse criticism.

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of the post and telegraph office buildings at Tamworth.

A new public school was opened with some ceremony, at Waterloo, yesterday afternoon, by the Hon. W. J. Trickett, Minister of Public Instruction. Mr. Trickett delivered an address upon educational matters, and subsequently both he and the Hon. F. A. Wright, Minister for Public Works, at a luncheon given by the Mayor of Waterloo, made some reference to the measures which the Government propose to submit to Parliament in next session. Two bills were specially mentioned: one the Local Government Bill, or, as Mr. Trickett called it, a municipal bill, it being prepared by himself, Mr. Wright, and a third member of the Cabinet connected with municipal matters, and they invite from any suggestions that are likely to assist in making the measure as beneficial and as complete as possible. The other bill referred to is one for the promotion of the public health, which Mr. Mackellar is preparing, and which it is intended shall provide for better sewerage for a better system of health inspection than exists at present, and for giving such powers to medical men as will enable them to check the spread of disease, and especially typhoid fever. In his address upon the subject of education, Mr. Trickett declared that as far as he was concerned he would not accept any divergence from the present Act, which he believed to be good, and was not being worked to advantage to the community.

Mr. HENRY FRANCIS BARTON, M.A., barrister-at-law, has been appointed to succeed Mr. A. T. Holroyd as Master in Equity and Master in Chancery. Though a young man, Mr. Barton had achieved remarkable success at the Equity bar, and is deservedly regarded as one of the most brilliant lawyers of the present day. From time to time he has been almost constantly in active practice. Perhaps no member of the profession has made himself more conversant with the details of the practice in the Master's Office than Mr. Barton has. For this reason he was appointed one of the committee which revised the Equity Rules under the presidency of His Honour the Primary Judge. It is a subject for congratulation that a gentleman combining so much ability with a genial temperament has been willing to accept the positions named. It is understood that Mr. Barton will enter upon his duties on the 27th instant.

The mail per Pacific Company's steamer Zealandia was delivered at 9 a.m. yesterday. In another column will be found the letter of our New York correspondent and telegraphic news from the American letter desks at length with the present annual meeting of the American Association of Engineers at Washington. The meeting, it may be remarked, was not strictly a local one, but members of the League were allowed to be present. A programme of the proceedings had been drawn up in which was included at least one resolution going into the general question, and in fact pledging the League to make Local Option a test question at the next general election. The meeting, it is to be hoped, will be a foregone conclusion in view of the Bank of New South Wales in a worse position than the other banks occupied under the old one? If so, it may be doubted whether they are not leaving themselves open to adverse criticism.

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COUNTRY NEWS.

[By TELEGRAPH.]
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NEWCASTLE, MONDAY.

The shipping masters' report for the past year shows that during the period mentioned, 3623 seafarers have been shipped, and 2500 discharged at Newcastle. The amount of money paid in wages to seafarers during that time was \$10,394. \$6. 3d., and advance notes were issued to the amount of \$7438. 5s.

A miner from Wallsend named Garbett was taken to the Hospital yesterday suffering from broken ribs and an injured leg. He missed his way on Saturday night, wandered on to the railway line near Wickham, and fell through the skeleton bridge, a distance of 22 feet, upon a heap of stones. The crossing-keeper discovered him, and he was taken to a neighbour's house, where he is doing as well as can be expected.

The house of George Hyndes, at Wickham, was entered on Friday night or Saturday morning, and the sum £9 in banknotes was stolen out of the trouser pocket of Hyndes, in his bedroom. An alarm was given, but the burglars escaped. Estrance had been effected through a window.

Captain Kashol, of the barge Steag, which put back into port yesterday, reports that after he had struck north-westerly winds and a strong southerly current, which drifted the vessel as far as Cape Three Points. Standing in on Saturday afternoon it fell a dead calm when three miles off Cape Three Points, which caused the vessel to drift fast towards the shore, and when about half-a-mile distant he let go the anchors to prevent her stranding at about 11 o'clock Saturday night, and remained until 3 a.m. yesterday. By morning, a strong northwesterly gale then sprung up, which caused the vessel to drift fast, and she was compelled to run ashore to avoid being driven to the bar, otherwise she would have gone ashore. She then bore up for Newcastle, and arrived here as above stated.

TENTERFIELD, MONDAY.

A sad case of suicide took place yesterday. A German farmer, living about two miles from town, was found in the afternoon lying on his veranda in a pool of blood with the half of his skull blown off. He appears to have placed a gun near his right ear and fired it. Deceased was found to be very pale, but he had been shot in the head, and has been very pale lately. A coroner's inquest was held to-day, when a verdict was returned to the effect that deceased committed suicide whilst labouring under temporary insanity.

Teaching operations are being actively carried on. The weather is turning out splendidly, both as to quality and yield.

Mr. Byrne, the new C.P.S., has arrived, and commenced his duties to-day.

QUINNINLUND, MONDAY.

A fatal accident occurred the morning to a son of Mr. Clarence Higgins, 16 years of age, son of Mr. Higgins, one of the pioneer squatters of this district. The lad was out riding in the bush along with his brother, when his horse fell into a hole with a tree root, and he was thrown out, and died on the spot. His brother died 20 minutes afterwards. The youth had been attending the Sydney Grammar School, and was home for his holidays when the fatality took place.

Yesterday afternoon a boy named James Fogarty was out riding, and as he was driving his horse, he was struck by the rider, who received concussion of the brain. Young Fogarty is now under medical treatment, and hopes are entertained of his recovery.

GRAFTON, MONDAY.

A few slight showers of rain fell here early this morning.

LISMORE, MONDAY.

The weather is cloudy and hot, and rain is badly wanted.

CAMDEN, MONDAY.

A complete and very welcome change in the weather has taken in. Sunday was cold with occasional showers, and to-day there has been almost a continuous downpour. The farms are generally well pleased with the change.

COBAN, MONDAY.

The weather is cloudy and showery, with promises of more rain. A quarter of an inch has been registered since last report.

PENRITH, MONDAY.

The German residents of this town, in the course of taking steps to thank Mr. Dally for his generous remarks at the Matland banquet with regard to the relations of the German colonists and the German Empire.

In the various centres of population meetings are held to approve of the movement towards presenting a formal protest to the German Emperor.

The president of the German Colonists' Association, Hausek, held their meeting on Saturday, when they appointed officers to carry out the objects contemplated, and also to co-operate with the German colonists.

The present Mayor of Grafton, Mr. S. See, whose term of office as alderman has just ended, has received a recognition from the ratepayers asking him to continue his services in the borough council, and he has consented.

Alderman F. Dobson has been appointed returning officer by the Mayor for the forthcoming municipal elections, Mr. See.

A huge gathering has commenced at Coffs Harbour, where the harvest promises a very good yield.

Accents from the aquatics on the Upper Clarence show that the season has been a splendid one, and the stock of fish in the river is now at its best. The Coffs Harbour correspondent telegraphs that the moches Tom Brown left there by train for Newcastle yesterday afternoon to be forwarded on to Sydney last night, in order to fulfil his Anniversary Day engagements.

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WELLINGTON, MONDAY.

The best here during the last week or so has been fairly oppressive, the thermometer at times registering 100° in the shade. Last Saturday was the warmest day that has been experienced for some time, the heat being so great that many men who were at work outside had to knock off. The weather has been cool and cloudy yesterday and to-day, and it is now raining heavily.

SHEPPARTON, MONDAY.

Several showers of rain fell here yesterday, and the rain continued to-day to descend heavily.

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A pleasant change in the weather has taken place since Saturday, and rain is now threatening. Reports have been received from the up river, and also from Condobolin and other places, to the effect that rain is falling in the district.

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Light rain set in here yesterday, and continued all day. To-day heavy showers fell at intervals, and 61 points have been registered as the rainfall for both days. The weather is now calm, but cloudy.

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The weather is slightly cooler, after nearly three weeks heat, the average in the shade having been 111° daily. A shower fell at 3 a.m., registering 22 points. It is still cloudy, but clearing. At Walgett it is calm and cloudy, 60 points having fallen. The rain at Wagga Wagga is now falling, and the temperature is 100°. Brawarra, calm and cloudy, like rain, 20 points; Goodooga, like a change, but no rain yet; Louth, calm, dull, 16 rain, 35 points; Tilpa, like rain; Wilcannia, light rain, 18 points.

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yesterday were startled by the appearance of two tiger sharks, one of which attempted to leap at the person nearest the water, and was subsequently captured by means of a harpoon. The shark, which was over six feet in length, was in the immediate vicinity of a spot that had been previously frequented by bathers.

GUNDAGAI, MONDAY.

On Saturday last Messrs. Cobb and Co.'s coach was overturned by a tornado at the Adelong crossing. There were only two passengers in the vehicle at the time, and they fortunately escaped without injury.

JUNEE, MONDAY.

At the Police Court to-day, George Baker, carrier, was charged before Mr. Bailey, P.M., and Mr. Hannan with oversteering his team of horses at Dafford, and had strapped the team to the wheel of a wagon and dropped him with a heavy teamster's whip, inflicting upwards of 30 strokes, each stroke cutting into the flesh. The bench expressed an opinion that defendant deserved the lash. He was sentenced to two months' imprisonment without the option of a fine.

JERILDRIDGE, MONDAY.

Mr. W. C. Boddy, proprietor of the *Jerilderie Herald*, who was returning from Melbourne two days previously, was taken seriously ill on the Wodonga road with colonial fever, and was compelled to stop. He only stopped the paper here about a year ago, and was much respected.

SICKNESS IS BEGINNING TO BE PREVALENT IN THE DISTRICT.

INVERELL, MONDAY.

The Ministerial party visited the hospital, courthouse, and post and telegraph office this morning, and left for Tocumella this afternoon. They will return to Inverell to-morrow, and visit Mr. Murray's residence at Fernhill.

THE WEATHER IN THE COUNTRY.

[By TELEGRAPH.]
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NEWCASTLE, MONDAY.

A most welcome rain set in here early yesterday morning, which continued steadily until late last night. The district is much in need of a good downpour.

A thunderstorm occurred here about 6 o'clock this evening, accompanied by a fall of rain which lasted nearly an hour.

TENTERFIELD, MONDAY.

The weather is very hot. We have had some good thunderstorms lately, and the country is now looking very well.

PORT MACQUARIE, MONDAY.

Refreshing rains fell here last night. The downpour will have a most beneficial effect on the crops, which promises an abundant yield.

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PASTORAL INTELLIGENCE.

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YOUNG, MONDAY.

Last Saturday was the hottest day that has been experienced here during the summer, the maximum temperature registering 107°. Mr. C. Turner, a shepherd, was severely burnt by sunstroke on Saturday morning, when a verdict of accidentally burnt was returned, the jury adding a rider to the effect that he had been unable to prove his innocence.

BATHURST, MONDAY.

The weather is cloudy during the day, but rain is to be expected to-morrow.

MURRAY, MONDAY.

The yield of corn in the Camden Haven district is reported to be the best yet produced. The vines are in good condition.

A gentleman arrived here on Sunday with a view of advancing the wine industry by forming a local wine-growers' association, but he has not as yet made public his plan of operations.

WEST MAITLAND, MONDAY.

At the Borough Council meeting, on Friday evening, the question of letting the park to the Northern Jockey Club for the purpose of racing was discussed.

From the ministerialists' unanimous report of the committee, it is found that the branch existing between the council and the club will be widened, and that the branch on the south side should be widened to accommodate the new racing ground.

ORANGE, MONDAY.

The amount of passengers and goods traffic at the Orange station during the last year is as follows:—Tickets issued, 26,755; tonnage received and despatched (not including departmental coal and material), 53,359 tons. The total revenue for the year amounts to \$67,603.

BATHURST, MONDAY.

On Saturday last a fire occurred on a wharf at Wallsend, at Leitham, which destroyed a large quantity of wheat.

The effects of the late Bishop Morris were carried out yesterday with much ceremony. The Bishop of Goulburn and Maitland attended. A large number of persons were present, and the service was conducted in every part.

The services were interred in the cathedral, alongside the bodies of Dean Grant and Father Corish.

GOULBURN, MONDAY.

A farmer named Morphett, at Tumwong, whilst attending his paddock, yesterday, had his horse bolt and run away through a fence. Mr. C. Turner, the owner of the horse, was destroyed by the fire.

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The horses and carriages belonging to George Morris, a farmer at Gooburra, were totally destroyed by fire, on Saturday afternoon. Miss Morris, and Mr. C. England, as Count of Llanu, have entered upon the premises for the ensuing year, and some arrangements made for the annual race meeting.

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Municipal Elections.

TO JAMES R. RYNDLE, Esq.

The undersigned

RATEPAYERS

OF THE SOUTH-WEST WARD

OF BALMAIN

do respectfully request that you will place your valuable services at our disposal, and nominate yourself to be nominated as a CANDIDATE for the above Ward.

BOROUGH COUNCIL,

and we pledge ourselves to spare no effort to have you returned as our representative:

John Watson

William Liddiard

P. M. Welsh

Robert Spooner

John Jones

William Ferrier

Alfred Ferrier

and

200 others.

Darling-street, Balmain,

17th January, 1885.

To the above-named

GENTLEMEN and RATEPAYERS

OF THE SOUTH-WEST WARD, BOROUGH OF BALMAIN.

Gentlemen.—In answer to your flattering and influential request, I feel it my duty to comply with your request and place myself at your disposal, and will make the best of your time. I know the requirements of the Ward, and, if elected, I will place all the practical knowledge I possess at your disposal, which, I hope, will be for the general good.

Gentlemen.—I will take an early opportunity to meet you in public, and by so doing, all matters fully before you.

Thank you for your confidence.

Believe me, Gentlemen, to remain,

Yours faithfully,

JAMES REYNOLDS,

MUNICIPALITY OF CANTERBURY.

TO THE ELECTORS OF SOUTH WARD,

NOTICE is hereby given, in accordance with the 15th section of the Licensing Act of 1885, that a MEETING of the electors of the Ward of South-West, Canterbury, will be held on TUESDAY, the 3rd day of February next, at 11 o'clock, for the purpose of NOMINATING and ELECTING four ALDERMEN of the Ward, and one Councillor, in accordance with those returning, to succeed the Municipalities set of 1885.

Nominations must be in writing, addressed to the Returning Officer, have, seven days at least before the said day of nomination.

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CARDO OF MAURITIUS SUGARS.

Under instructions from Master, Charles Jacobs and Sons, of Adelaida.

The Sale of the

CARDO OF THE JERSEY,

from Mauritius, consisting of

4000 Pounds fine to Saint CRYSTAL,

2000 Bags Yellow BREWING and CONFECTORY BORTS.

FRAZER and CO. will sell by auction, as above,

CARDO OF MAURITIUS SUGARS

ex Jacobs, as follows—

FINEST WHITES.

G.J.A.

44—201 pockets
2—24 bags
2—22 bags
12—181 pockets
10—162 pockets
17—172 pockets
15—181 pockets
20—178 pockets

BREWING COTTONS.

1—500 bags
1—48 bags
1—46 bags
1—44 bags
1—42 bags
1—40 bags
1—38 bags
1—36 bags
1—34 bags
1—32 bags
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This cargo is stored in Algo's Bond, and is ready for delivery.

Terms of sale.

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